

UPDATE

Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center

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SPECIAL DEDICATION ISSUE

The Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center has been called "an idea made reality through vision and energy." It was Leonard Pool's vision and energy which helped to make this idea a reality.

On Wednesday night, January 26, 1977, this, the first and original building of the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center, will be dedicated to the memory of the Hospital's first President and named the Leonard Parker Pool Pavilion.

Leonard Pool was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1906. In the early 1940's, he formed Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., a corporation he was to bring to the Lehigh Valley in 1947. Today, Air Products is a world leader in the manufacturing of industrial gases and chemicals.

Throughout his life, Leonard Pool felt a deep concern for the needs of mankind. He left an impact on this community which we will always have with us.

He devoted much of his considerable energy toward the development of health care in the Lehigh Valley. He served as a trustee of the Allentown Hospital for many years and in that capacity became one of the founders of this Hospital Center, which will long stand as a tribute to his concern.

The Hospital Center was born into reality through community effort and cooperation; the idea was one of hope and progress, to bring to our community the most modern, efficient, and comprehensive health care delivery system possible.

Upon his death in 1975, he provided through his Will, the establishment of the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, a \$20 million endowment fund: a gift to the community, that we may live in his dream.

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RESOLUTION

When Spring comes around this year and the first meadow flowers appear, ten years will have passed since the people of The Allentown Hospital and Sacred Heart Hospital joined hands to create the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center, a new venture in health care for the Lehigh Valley.

There were, of course, discouraging moments and moments of satisfaction as time went on, and now it is with real satisfaction that we can mark the successful conclusion of the first two years of operation of this Hospital Center with both The Allentown Hospital and the Sacred Heart Hospital of the complex all in a thriving and viable posture.

This three-way success is in large measure due to the vision, the tireless drive, and the leadership of Leonard Parker Pool. It is he whom we delight to honor this day.

Now therefore, be it RESOLVED: that this first building of the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center be and the same shall henceforth be known as the Leonard Parker Pool Pavilion of the Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center.

If you would see one of his dreams, look about you.

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